

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Ms. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on February 23, 2010. I would have voted as follows:

Had I been present on rollcall No. 51: "yes"; rollcall No. 52: "yes"; rollcall No. 53: "yes"; rollcall No. 54: "yes"; rollcall No. 55: "yes."

HONORING EMILY SMITH, ALDA YUAN, JAIME ZAHL, ALYSSA GRIFFIN, AND STEPHANIE SCHNEIDER FOR WINNING THE HONORING OUR FUTURE LEADERS COMPETITION

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge five students in my district, Emily Smith, Alda Yuan, Jaime Zahl, Alyssa Griffin, and Stephanie Schneider, from Islip High School.

These students will receive the Honoring Our Future Leaders Award on February 27, 2010. To win this award, they wrote their own rendition of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am proud to honor Emily, Alda, Jaime, Alyssa, and Stephanie for their academic and personal achievements and congratulate them upon the receipt of this prestigious award.

## HONORING DOLPHAS TROTTER

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dolphas Trotter upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mr. Trotter will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Mr. Dolphas Trotter was born in 1940 in Idabel, Oklahoma. In 1945 the Trotter family moved cross-country and settled in Southwest Fresno, California. Mr. Trotter attended Washington Union High School where he played football. During his senior year, he participated in the annual Fresno City-County All-Star game, which earned him a football scholarship to College of the Pacific, now today as University of the Pacific. Mr. Trotter graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor's degree and returned to Fresno and began working for Fresno County Department of Social Services.

Shortly after his return to Fresno, Mr. Trotter was drafted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1969. This experience affirmed his belief in the value of education and community. When he returned to Fresno from his military service, he began a

career in education. The first of many positions Mr. Trotter held in education was at Franklin Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher. He moved on to teach at Edison High School, where he later became the Vice Principal and the first African-American Principal of the school. Mr. Trotter had a successful career in the Fresno school system including serving as Principal at Tioga Middle School and Cooper Middle School. For a brief time he served as the first African-American Interim Superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District and then served as the Superintendent at New Millennium Charter Schools.

Mr. Trotter was also a firm believer in community service. He sat on many boards and worked with many organizations, including the African American Historical and Cultural Museum Board of Directors, the Association of California School Administrators, Cedar Vista Hospital Advisory Board, Channel 24 Portrait of Success Board member, National Alliance of Black School Educators, State Center Community College Foundation and Washington Union School Board. For his service to these organizations Mr. Trotter has received many accolades.

Mr. Trotter and his wife met while working at the Fresno County Department of Social Service. They were married in 1972 and raised four children, including two adopted daughters. Mr. Trotter passed away on March 18, 2009. He was a strong advocate and will be remembered as an inspirational role model for the people of Fresno, and the residents of Southwest Fresno.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dolphas Trotter. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 3, 2010, I was unable to be present for votes while I was attending to a health-related matter.

Had I been present on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 26 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4495), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 27 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 957), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 28 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1014).

Had I been present for votes on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 29 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1051), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 30 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1051, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4061), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 31 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1043, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 32 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 901, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 33 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1044, as amended).

HONORING LINDSEY LEFEBER FOR WINNING THE HONORING OUR FUTURE LEADERS COMPETITION

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a student in my district, Lindsey Lefebber, from Northport High School.

Lindsey will receive the Honoring Our Future Leaders Award on February 27, 2010. To win this award, she wrote her own rendition of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am proud to honor Lindsey for her academic and personal achievements and congratulate her upon the receipt of this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING HONDA'S MANUFACTURING COMMITMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 2010*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the extraordinary commitments made by Honda over the last three decades to create jobs and expand its solid manufacturing base in Ohio and throughout the nation.

In 1979, Honda opened manufacturing operations in the United States with small-scale production of dirt bikes in Marysville, Ohio. From that initial footprint, Honda has grown into one of our nation's most important job creators, with nine manufacturing and thirteen research and development facilities located across the nation. Honda directly employs roughly 27,000 Americans—15,000 in my home state alone.

With so much focus on jobs moving overseas, Madam Speaker, it is often too easy to overlook the value and importance of direct foreign investment in this nation. The more than \$12 billion invested by Honda in the United States—with \$7 billion of that invested in Ohio alone—supports not only those 27,000 employees but also more than 340,000 others employed at Honda suppliers, dealers, and servicers nationwide.

Honda was the first Asian automaker to build products in the U.S., recognizing the value of siting manufacturing plants in sales markets. Since 1996, three in four Honda and Acura automobiles sold in this country have been manufactured in North America. The company's total U.S. auto production reached one million in 2007—with 700,000 produced at Ohio's Honda plants.

Three communities in my district are home to major Honda facilities. More than 2,750 are employed in Anna, which produces engines, drivshafts, and brake components. The transmission manufacturing facility in Russells Point employs an additional 1,050. The 2,500 workers at the plant in East Liberty assemble the Crosstour, CR-V, and Element. Thousands more in my district work at the dozens of companies of all sizes that provide parts to these facilities.